

ATTEWALL WOOTTON JR.
AND MARGARET ELIZABETH
OHLWILER WOOTTON



Attewall Wootton Jr., son of Attewall Wootton Sr., and Cynthia Jane Jewett. Born October 25, 1864, American Fork. Married Margaret Elizabeth Ohlwiler October 17, 1888, Logan Temple. Died November 6, 1930, Heber.

Margaret Elizabeth Ohlwiler, daughter of Henry and Eliza Jane (Baker Harvey) Ohlwiler, was born October 14, 1866, Heber. Killed in accident May 28, 1952.

Children:

Hazel, died in youth;
Leland, married Alvira Pace;
Roland, married Weda Pelton;
Mrs. Enos (Delma) Reece;
Mrs. Joseph (Edith) Gailey.

Attewall was born in American Fork, October 25, 1864, the oldest child of Attewall Wootton and Cynthia Jane Jewett. His par-

814

Building Helpers

MIDWAY BIOGRAPHIES

ts came to Wasatch County, settling in Midway, when he and his brother, John, were very small boys.

His father, being a teacher, spent much of his time with school work, so when the two small boys were quite young, they began taking care of the farm. Attewall, Jr. grew up under strict and careful training, the effects of which were evident throughout his life. He was taught by example as well as precept.

His school days were spent mostly under his father's direction. Some time after he had graduated from the eighth grade, when he was about eighteen, his father asked him if he could handle the school at Wallsburg. There were three or four teachers had been driven out by the students. He offered to try and finished up the school year successfully. This was his first of many years of teaching.

In 1883 and 84 he attended the Brigham Young Academy, an eventful year for the school when its building burned to the ground. Returning to Midway he began teaching for about \$40 a month.

During the summer months of one year he assisted in the construction of the Stake Tabernacle. As he rode back and forth in Midway on a horse, he had one quite growing experience. At that time there was no bridge over Provo River and it had to be forded. While crossing one day rising high water, his horse slipped and he was carried down stream, narrowly escaping being drowned by clinging to a clump of shrubs.

His romance came about through his father. As superintendent of schools his father was visiting Henry Aird's school. At night at home he happened to remark that Lizzie Ohlwiler was certainly a smart girl. He became interested in this young woman and at a dance in Heber, soon after that, he managed to meet her. Three years later, on October 17, 1888, they were married in the Logan Temple by Marriner W. Merrill.

Attewall was ambitious and industrious, braving winters and working in the mines or layons in the summers. Then followed another year in attendance at the Brigham Young Academy.

In 1903 he received a call for a mission before he left, his little daughter, Hazel, took diphtheria and died within a week. A month later he left for the South Central States Mission.

815

One very interesting part of his mission was his work at the World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri. He was placed at the Utah exhibit where he was to explain and preach the Gospel. He returned home in 1905.

For several years prior to his mission, he had been teaching in Heber. After he returned home he moved his family to Heber where he began teaching again. The remaining years of his teaching service were spent in Heber.

His life was one of service, both as a teacher in school and in the Church. Throughout his life he spent forty-seven years teaching. His students have said of him that he taught not only book learning but high ideals of citizenship and morals.

While he was strict in discipline, he was respected and liked as evidenced by the lasting friendships he formed with many of his students and by their tokens of esteem, gifts of many varieties.

In his service with the Church he acted as a member of the Stake Sunday School Board, and held the position of Stake Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years. He was also Stake Religion Class Supervisor. At the time of his death he was a member of the Stake High Council.

His life of service was finished on November 6, 1930, after several years of failing health.

Lizzie was born in Heber on October 14, 1866. Her earliest memories were of her school days which were spent in a little rock school house where the First Ward Chapel now stands. Her teachers were Elisha Jones, William and Henry Chaturm, William Buys and Henry Aird.

When nineteen she met Attewall Wootton, Jr., a young school teacher. They were married three years later.

The young couple moved into a brick four-room house in Midway which was built by Attewall for his bride.

During the years while her husband served on his mission, Lizzie served as president of the Primary in Midway besides caring for her family, boarding two lady school teachers and caring for the farm and stock with the help of the two small boys of fourteen and twelve.

She was a splendid homemaker. Her flower gardens were lovely. She proved a strength and help to her husband, her family and her community.

816

HO

On April 1, 1906 upon Attewall's return, the family moved to Heber.

Following her husband's death she lived alone in her home, but she had many interests. She enjoyed keeping her home lovely and her yard beautiful with flowers. She spent some of her time visiting friends and family and in gathering the records and genealogy of her family.

While most of her life was spent caring for her family, she had through all these years been very active in church work. She was always very deeply religious, even in girlhood and had given many years of service to the Church. She joined the Relief Society shortly before her marriage and was a teacher in the Midway Relief Society for nearly 16 years. She also worked in the primary there as a teacher and as president.

After she moved to Heber she became an aide to Jeanette McMillan on the Primary Stake Board. In 1908 she became an aide to Josephine Broadbent, serving in this capacity for five years. In 1913 she was chosen first counselor to Sister Josephine Broadbent. In 1914 the Primary was reorganized and she became a counselor to Nellie DeGraff. This position she held for four years. She then was chosen as a counselor to Elizabeth Hicken in the Heber 3rd Ward Relief Society.

In 1922 she became President of the Relief Society, which office she held until 1930.

Her life ended on May 28, 1952, in a fatal vehicle accident in which her daughter Edith, who was so very close to her mother in life accompanied her in death.

*Farmer
Builder
Teacher
Missionary*